

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Rural Development - Enhanced Financial Access to the Poor through Technology in Andhra Pradesh (EFAPT-AP) funded by CGAT (World Bank) – permission and release of Rs.8.55 Cr grant released – Orders – Issued.

PANCHYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD.I) DEPARTMENT

GO.Ms.No. 226

Dated:05.08.2011.

Read the following:

1. U.O.Note No.490/Fin.PMU/2010, Dated:20.10.2010 from the Secretary to Government (IF), Fin (PMU) Department.
2. Lr.No.192/CGAP/LH/CIF/SERP/2009, Dated:28.3.2011 from Chief Executive Officer, SERP, Hyderabad.

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ORDER:

The AP Rural Poverty Reduction Project (APRPRP) is being implemented by the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP) under which several anti-poverty initiatives have been taken up through the Self Help Group (SHGs). As an adjunct to the APRPRP, with a view to build capacities of the SHGs in maintaining the account, World Bank agreed to sanction a grant amount of \$19,00,000 (Rs 8.55 crore) vide their letter dated 27.9.2010 for 'Enhanced Financial Access to the Poor through Technology in Andhra Pradesh' (EFAPT-AP) through the Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP). The project has been proposed as a special dispensation in recognition of the exceptional work done by SHGs in Andhra Pradesh.

2. The Chief Executive Officer, SERP informed that the objective of the project is to bring financial transparency to various operations at community level using the technology and to increase the ability of the SHGs to access funds from the financial system by improving the infrastructure of the Community Based Organizations (CBOs). The outcomes envisaged are computerization of the accounts of the SHGs and the Village Organizations (V.Os) and thereby capturing transactions of the SHGs and their federations on real-time basis, providing for self-analysis and assessment by SHG members and their federations. This would also enable creation of an information bureau that can be further used for accessing enhanced financial and other services from mainstream sources.

3. Government after careful consideration, approve the proposal for the EFAPT-AP project involving taking a grant of Rs.8.55 Cr from CGAP for computerizing the operations of all the VOs of SHGs. The money shall be released to the designated account opened by SERP with Andhra Bank for implementing the Project.

4. The expenditure sanctioned in para 3 above shall be debited to:2501 special programmes for Rural Development-01 integrated Rural Development Programme – MH-800 other expenditure- GH-03 externally aided projects – SH (11) enhanced financial access to the poor through technology (EFAPT) (to be opened) 310 grants-in-Aid-312 other grants-in-Aid and shall be met in relaxation of treasury control and quarterly regulation orders pending provision of funds by obtaining supplementary grant during 2011-12.

5. The Chief Executive Officer, SERP is requested to take action for obtaining supplementary grant at appropriate time during the current financial year to cover the additional expenditure actually incurred.

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6. The Chief Executive Officer, SERP is requested to implement the project expeditiously and ensure its timely completion.

7. This order is issued with the concurrence of the Department of Finance (PMU) vide their U.O. Number: 33/Fin.PMU/2011, Dt:25.07.2011.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (RD)

To
The Chief Executive Officer,
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